

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 and 22 are now pending in the present application. By this paper, Claims 1, 4, 5, 12, 14 and 15 have been amended, Claim 22 has been added, and Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. The basis for these amendments and new claims can be found throughout the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed. No new matter has been added. The preceding amendments and the following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings are objected to because Figure 1 should be designated by a legend such as –Prior Art– because only that which is old is illustrated. The Applicant has amended the drawing sheets and attached the amended drawing sheets for the Examiner's approval. Applicant respectfully submits that the amended drawing sheets comply with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the instant objection.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 10-12 and 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Mayer, et al. (WO 00/68488).

Claims 1, 4, 10-13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Bochan (U.S. Patent No. 3,108,465). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant respectfully submits that with respect to Claim 1, the prior art of record does not disclose an isolator having an aperture within which the first member extends, whereby the aperture has a plurality of projections engaging the first member extending into the aperture, as required by amended Claim 1.

With respect to Claim 12, the prior art of record does not disclose a resilient isolator coupled to one of the support frame and the cabinet, wherein the resilient isolator has a central aperture having a plurality of projections engaging either one of the support frame and the cabinet, thereby coupling the support frame to the cabinet, as required by Claim 12.

Applicant further submits that Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer as to the subject matter contained therein.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 12, as well as Claims 2-4 and Claims 11-19 depending from Claims 1 and 12, respectively, are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the instant rejections.

NEW CLAIMS

New Claim 22 has been added for consideration. Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record, either in combination or alone, fails to disclose every element of the claim. Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 22 is in condition for allowance.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 5-9 and 14-18 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

At the present time, Applicant respectfully declines to incorporate Claims 5-9 and 14-18, and all of the limitations any intervening claims, into independent Claims 1 and 12, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that novel portions of the allowable subject matter contained within Claims 5-9 and Claims 14-18 have been incorporated into now-amended Claims 1 and 12. (See remarks above). However, Applicant reserves for a later time the right to rewrite the allowable subject matter in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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